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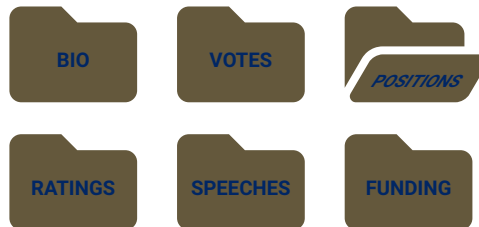
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Edward Durr's Issue Positions (Political Courage Test)

Office: [State Senate \(NJ\)](#) - District 3, Republican

On The Ballot: Running, Republican for [State Senate \(NJ\)](#) - District 3

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New Jersey State Legislative Election 2017 Political Courage Test

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● **Abortion & Reproductive Issues:** ^

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| Pro-life | ● | a) Do you generally support pro-choice or pro-life legislation? |
| Yes | ● | b) Should abortion be legal when the pregnancy resulted from incest or rape? |
| Yes | ● | c) Should abortion be legal when the life of the woman is endangered? |
| Yes | ● | d) Do you support the prohibition of public funds for organizations that perform abortions? |

As a Christian I personally am opposed to any kind of abortion. I am 100% against partial birth abortions. I however do believe that Pro-life & Pro-choice could agree on a compromise that would stop this. Make rape, incest and mothers health exceptions. Also no abortions after 8 weeks. That should be enough time to know.

● **Budget, Spending, & Tax Issues:** ^

1) Budget Stabilization: Indicate which proposals you support (if any) for balancing New Jersey's budget.

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| No | ● | a) Reducing state employee salaries AND/OR pensions |
| No | ● | b) Instituting mandatory furloughs AND/OR layoffs for state employees |
| No | ● | c) Reducing benefits for Medicaid recipients |
| No | ● | d) An income tax increase on any tax bracket |



I believe an audit done would find waste of funds and would reduce the debt. I believe we stop paying for things that are not needed. I also would look to reduce the size of government.

● Campaign Finance & Government Reform Issues:



a) Do you support limits on the following types of contributions for state candidates?

- Yes ● 1) Individual
- Yes ● 2) Political Action Committee
- Yes ● 3) Corporate
- Yes ● 4) Political Party
- Yes ● b) Do you support requiring full and timely disclosure of campaign finance information?
- Yes ● c) Do you support the regulation of indirect campaign contributions from corporations and unions?
- Yes ● d) Do you support the use of an independent AND/OR bipartisan commission for redistricting?
- Yes ● e) Do you support requiring a government-issued photo identification in order to vote at the polls?

I would like to see money not be a factor in who gets elected. I believe if we made a general account that any contributions were made they would be equally divided among all candidates.

● Crime & Public Safety Issues:



- Yes ● a) Do you support capital punishment for certain crimes?
- Yes ● b) Do you support alternatives to incarceration for certain non-violent offenders, such as mandatory counseling or substance abuse treatment?
- Yes ● c) Do you support legalizing the possession of small amounts of marijuana?
- No ● d) Should a minor accused of a violent crime be prosecuted as an adult?
- Yes ● e) Do you support the enforcement of federal immigration laws by state and local police?
- Yes ● f) Do you support delaying the seizure of assets by law enforcement officials until after a conviction?

I believe charging a minor must be case by case basis. They should be testing done to decide if child meets the requirements. I do not think government should be able to seize property without conviction.

● Economic Issues:



- No ● a) Do you support government spending as a means of promoting economic growth?



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- Yes b) Do you support lowering taxes as a means of promoting economic growth?
 - Yes c) Do you support reducing government regulations on the private sector?
 - Yes d) Do you support expanding access to unemployment benefits?
 - No e) Do you support requiring welfare applicants to pass a drug test in order to receive benefits?
 - Yes f) Do you support an increase of the minimum wage?
 - Yes g) Do you support legalized state-sponsored sports betting in New Jersey?
 - No h) Do you support a tax on short-term housing rentals in New Jersey?

I would support a cap on welfare benefits. I would support a raise in minimum wage but not higher than \$10 hr. I am opposed to any new taxes until we control the waste of government spending. I believe we should work on reducing property taxes. Homers who make their homes nicer should not be penalized for doing so.

Education Issues:



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- No a) Do you support the national Common Core State Standards initiative?
 - Yes b) Do you support state funding for charter schools?
 - No c) Should immigrants unlawfully present in the United States who graduate from New Jersey high schools be eligible for in-state tuition at public universities in New Jersey?

I believe any illegal should not receive any state aid. We have a nation illegal immigrant problem. I am against any call for sanctuary city or state. That is prohibited by law (USC1324). If elected I would seek to enforce this law against any one who breaks it.

Environment & Energy Issues:



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- No a) Do you support state funding for the development of renewable energy (e.g. solar, wind, thermal)?
 - No b) Do you support state funding for open space preservation?
 - No c) Do you support government regulations of greenhouse gas emissions?

We must stop spending money we do not have for things that can be done through private sector.

Gun Issues:



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- No a) Do you generally support gun-control legislation?
 - Yes b) Should background checks be required on gun sales between private citizens at gun shows?
 - Yes c) Should citizens be allowed to carry concealed guns?
 - Yes d) Should a license be required for gun possession?



I believe and support the 2nd amendment. I have no issues with back ground checks. But if no criminal record you should be able to buy a hand gun or rifle without any restrictions other than passing back ground check.

● **Health Issues:**



- No ● a) Do you support a universally-accessible, publicly-administered health insurance option?
- No ● b) Do you support Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare")?
- No ● c) Do you support requiring individuals to purchase health care insurance?
- Yes ● d) Do you support allowing doctors to prescribe marijuana to their patients for medicinal purposes?

I believe health care is a privilege and not a right. I would look to work on the plan by Dr. Josh Umbehr of Kansas. and have that brought here.

● **Social Issues:**



- Yes ● a) Do you support same-sex marriage?
- Yes ● b) Do you support the inclusion of sexual orientation in New Jersey's anti-discrimination laws?
- Yes ● c) Do you support the inclusion of gender identity in New Jersey's anti-discrimination laws?

I believe any one should be able to live how they want with who they want. I do not believe people should be force to participate in something they are morally against. As a Christian I personally do not agree with homosexuality but as an American I support every ones right to live as they want as long as it does not violate the law.

● **Legislative Priorities:**



I would like to see the reduction in income and state taxes. I would like to conduct audits in the transportation and education funding area's. I would like to see open and conceal carry become legal as long as you can pass back ground check. I would like to see education funding straighten out.

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✓ **IS DURR VOTING LIKE HE SAID HE WOULD?**

